



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN PROPOSED SOUTH REGION HIGH SCHOOL #12 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Public Comment Period: November 20, 2008 to January 9, 2009

Public Meeting: December 4, 2008, 6:00PM

South Park Elementary School, 8510 Towne Avenue, Los Angeles

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

A draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) proposed South Region High School #12 (Site) is available for public review and comment. This plan describes the removal and off-site disposal of approximately 21,536 cubic yards (about 1,196 truckloads) of contaminated soil from the Site. The Site is approximately 15 acres in size and is bordered by 87th Place to the north, Avalon Boulevard to the east, the Green Meadows Park and Recreation Center to the south, and San Pedro Street on the west in the southeast area of Los Angeles.

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is responsible for overseeing environmental reviews and cleanup actions of proposed sites for new schools and existing school expansion projects throughout the state. DTSC will ensure that mitigation and cleanup activities for this project are conducted in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations.

During the environmental investigations, arsenic, lead, copper, zinc, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), total petroleum carbons (TPHs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and pesticides were detected in soils in concentrations exceeding DTSC health risk levels for school sites. Therefore, DTSC recommends that LAUSD remove the contaminated soil and transport it to permitted off-site disposal facilities.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

In compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has prepared a draft Initial Study (IS) and draft Negative Declaration for this project. The draft IS document states that the proposed cleanup will not have a negative effect on human health and the environment because of the relatively small amount of contaminated soil, short project duration, and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be removed, loaded onto trucks and transported off-site for disposal.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

The interested community is provided an opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the draft RAP during a thirty (30) day public comment period that starts on November 20, 2008, and ends on January 9, 2009. Your comments may be submitted in writing to Mr. Amit Pathak, Project Manager, DTSC, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Comments must be postmarked by **January 9, 2009**.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAP and other project documents are available at the Ascot Branch Library, 120 West Florence Avenue, Los Angeles; Fremont High School, 7676 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles; South Park Elementary School, 8510 Towne Avenue, Los Angeles; and on the LAUSD website at www.laschools.org. Also, the full Administrative Record and the project documents are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Contact Ms. Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337 for an appointment.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Ms. Christina Fu, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 717-6574 or email: cfu@dtsc.ca.gov; or Mr. Amit Pathak, DTSC Project Manager, at (714) 484-5468 or email: apathak@dtsc.ca.gov. For media inquiries, please contact Ms. Jeanne Garcia at (818) 717-6573 or email: jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov. For information on DTSC, visit our web site: www.dtsc.ca.gov.

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